

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief
SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: December 18 - 24

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

Highlighted activities relate to: monitoring, wolf-livestock interactions, outreach and education, research, law enforcement, and other miscellaneous topics of public interest. The Weekly Report will be available each Monday, covering the previous week. It and other wolf program information (including the 2009 annual report) can be found on the FWP website.

NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2011, the Weekly Report will no longer be distributed through email and will continue to be available online at:
<http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/management/wolf/default.html>

WOLF MONITORING ACTIVITIES:

Flights: None this week

WOLF-LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES:

12/21: WS removed one wolf in the Ulm area following late November and early December sheep depredations. WS control actions are ongoing.

WS removed two wolves from the Baker Mountain pack. The control action is over, the landowner has been notified and the SOS permit canceled.

12/24: Wildlife Service confirmed that wolves killed a cow on private land near Jackson. It is thought that the Twins Lakes pack was involved with the depredation, although a radio could not be heard. This is a new pack and has not been previously known to be involved in any depredations. The producer pulled his cows out and was authorized a SOS permit. WS has been authorized to lethally remove half of the pack.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

OTHER UPDATES:

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. Use the following shortcut link and be sure to update your bookmarks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wolf>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/liv/LM/index.asp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.